

Archival Special Collections Internship

Archives & Records Services - Manuscript and Image Collections

Compensation: \$2,000.00

Application deadline: July 23, 2023

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) is seeking an *Archival Special Collections Intern* to serve in the manuscript and image collections section of the Archives and Records Services division. This internship offers unique opportunities to learn about archival preservation and conservation, as well as processing, arrangement, and description. Working under the direction of the section head and her staff, interns will engage in the archival processing of materials as part of the manuscript and image collections.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Learn basic archival principles and put them into action.
- Review assigned archival collection materials for conservation concerns.
- Identify and arrange collection into series as agreed upon with the supervisor.
- Create folders and box inventory content.
- Generate finding aids related to box content.
- Present a summary of your internship at the end of the semester.

Requirements:

- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Interest in Mississippi historical records.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills and willingness to ask questions.
- The ability to work independently and collaboratively with MDAH archival staff.
- Archives, Library Science, History, or Liberal Arts students preferred.

The Manuscript and Image Collections Team believes that internships are a learning experience and will provide training for all projects.

Time Commitment:

Hours are flexible, Mondays through Fridays, between 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. The schedule will be determined based on availability and agreements between the intern and MDAH staff. The internship has a 140-hour minimum to receive the stipend and college credit.

How to Apply:

- Please submit an online application through the [MDAH website](#) by July 23, 2023.
- Email a resume, cover letter, and any additional documentation to mdahinternships@mdah.ms.gov.
 - *Note:* Your application is incomplete without these additional documents.

For more information, please contact the Volunteer and Internships Coordinator, Erin Blackledge, at (601) 576-6985 or eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov.